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SUBJ: BECHIR SAYS POSITIONS HARDENING

1. BECHIR GEMAYEL, COMMANDER OF CHRISTIAN'S UNITED MILITARY COMMAND, TOLD A "FOREIGN PRESS AGENCY" MAY 10 THAT KFUR FRONT WAS READY "TO ENTER INTO DIALOGUE WITH ANY PARTY WHO CAN HELP UNBLOCK THE PRESENT SITUATION," ACCORDING TO L'ORIENT-LE JOUR. HE ALSO NOTED THAT THE FRONT HAD "ALREADY MADE CONTACT WITH MUSLIM LEBANESE," BUT COMPLAINED THAT DEATH OF KAMAL JUNBLATT HAD "COMPLICATED THINGS BECAUSE THERE IS AN ABSENCE OF LEADERS OPPOSITE US: KAMAL JUNBLATT GATHERED EVERYONE AROUND HIM."

2. GEMAYEL WARNED, HOWEVER, THAT POSITIONS OF VARIOUS PARTIES WERE "RIGID AND BECOMING MORE SO." HE AFFIRMED THAT CONSEQUENTLY "WE WILL REINFORCE OUR PARALLEL GOVERNMENT CREATED DURING THE WAR."

3. COMMENT: BECHIR'S EVIDENT INTEREST IN TALKING WITH LEBANESE MUSLIMS IS NEW EMPHASIS ON HIS PART IN CONCILIATORY APPROACH TO LEBANON'S POLITICAL PROBLEMS. ALTHOUGH HE HAS TALKED TO LEFTISTS AND PALESTINIANS IN THE PAST, IT HAS USUALLY BEEN WITHIN CONTEXT OF MORE IMMEDIATE CEASEFIRE ARRANGEMENTS. HIS REMARKS ON A "PARALLEL GOVERNMENT" ECHO SIMILAR ONES HE AND AMINE GEMAYEL
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